Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 7, lines 16-24 as follows:

Pollen grains from sweet vernal grass, oat, Bermuda grass, rye grass, timothy grass, common reed, Kentucky Bluegrass, rye, wheat, maize and birch (control) were applied to a nitrocellulose membrane in defined order using toothpicks. ~~Membrans~~ Membranes were placed on water-soaked Whatman paper for half an hour to allow the release of allergens. Released proteins were detected with Ponceau S (Boehringer, Mannheim, Germany) as described (19). Group 2 allergens were detected with Phl p 2-specific IgE ~~Fabas~~ Fabs as described for the immunoblotting. For the identification of pollen grains releasing the major birch pollen allergen Bet v 1 a recombinant mouse anti-Bet v 1 Fab was used which was detected with an alkaline phosphatase-conjugated goat anti-mouse Fab antiserum (Pierce).

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 8, lines 21-25 as follows:

SEQ ID NO: 1 - SEQ ID NO: 6. DNA sequence comparison of the IgE Fabs. Table 2 shows the alignment of the clone 94 heavy chain DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1) with those of clones 60 (SEQ ID NO: 2) and 100 (SEQ ID NO: 3). Table 3 displays the sequence alignment of the three light chain cDNAs ~~(SEQ ID NO: 4 - SEQ ID NO: 6)~~ (clones 90 (SEQ ID NO: 4), 64 (SEQ ID NO: 5), 100 (SEQ ID NO: 6)). The Xho I and the Sac I sites are printed in italics. Framework (FR1-FR4) and hypervariable (CDR1-CDR3) regions are labeled. Identical amino acids are indicated by dashes.

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 9, lines 1-8 as follows:

SEQ ID NO: 7 - SEQ ID NO: 12. Amino acid sequence alignment. Table 4 shows the alignment of the heavy chain amino acid sequences derived from three Phl p2-specific IgE Fabs (clones ~~60~~ 94 (SEQ ID NO: 7), ~~94~~ 60 (SEQ ID NO: 8), 100 (SEQ ID NO: 9)) and

that of the heavy chain of a homologous human IgM rheumatoid factor (accession number: Y14936). Table 5 displays the amino acid sequence alignment of the IgE Fab-derived light chains ~~(SEQ ID NO: 10 - SEQ ID NO: 12)~~ (clones 94 (SEQ ID NO: 10), 60 (SEQ ID NO: 11), 100 (SEQ ID NO: 12)) and three homologous light chains from an anti-Rh (D) antibody (AF044462) and two rheumatoid factors (S56199, S67059). The framework (FR1-FR4) and hypervariable (CDR1-CDR3) regions are labeled and identical amino acids are indicated by dashes.

Please amend the first column of Table 2 at page 17 as follows:

SEQ ID NO: 1 94
SEQ ID NO: 2 60
SEQ ID NO: 3 100

SEQ ID NO: 1 94
SEQ ID NO: 2 60
SEQ ID NO: 3 100

SEQ ID NO: 1 94
SEQ ID NO: 2 60
SEQ ID NO: 3 100

SEQ ID NO: 1 94
SEQ ID NO: 2 60
SEQ ID NO: 3 100

SEQ ID NO: 1 94
SEQ ID NO: 2 60
SEQ ID NO: 3 100

SEQ ID NO: 1 94
SEQ ID NO: 2 60
SEQ ID NO: 3 100

Please amend the first column of Table 3 at page 18 as follows:

SEQ ID NO: 4 94
SEQ ID NO: 5 60
SEQ ID NO: 6 100

SEQ ID NO: 4 94
SEQ ID NO: 5 60
SEQ ID NO: 6 100

SEQ ID NO: 4 94
SEQ ID NO: 5 60
SEQ ID NO: 6 100

SEQ ID NO: 4 94
SEQ ID NO: 5 60
SEQ ID NO: 6 100

SEQ ID NO: 4 94
SEQ ID NO: 5 60
SEQ ID NO: 6 100

SEQ ID NO: 4 94
SEQ ID NO: 5 60
SEQ ID NO: 6 100

Please amend the first column of Table 4 at page 19 as follows:

SEQ ID NO: 7 94
SEQ ID NO: 8 60
SEQ ID NO: 9 100
Y14936

SEQ ID NO: 7 94
SEQ ID NO: 8 60
SEQ ID NO: 9 100
Y14936

SEQ ID NO: 7 94
SEQ ID NO: 8 60
SEQ ID NO: 9 100
Y14936

SEQ ID NO: 7 94
SEQ ID NO: 8 60
SEQ ID NO: 9 100
Y14936

Please amend the first column of Table 5 at page 20 as follows:

SEQ ID NO: 10 94
SEQ ID NO: 11 60
SEQ ID NO: 12 100
AF044462
S56199
S67059

SEQ ID NO: 10 94
SEQ ID NO: 11 60
SEQ ID NO: 12 100
AF044462
S56199
S67059

SEQ ID NO: 10 94
SEQ ID NO: 11 60
SEQ ID NO: 12 100
AF044462
S56199
S67059

SEQ ID NO: 10 94
SEQ ID NO: 11 60
SEQ ID NO: 12 100
AF044462
S56199
S67059